

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Prior to the entry of this Amendment, claims 1, 3-14, 16, 18-25, 27, 29-36 and 38-52 were pending in this application. Claims 1, 16, and 27 have been amended, no claims have been canceled, and no claims have been added herein. Therefore, claims 1, 3-14, 16, 18-25, 27, 29-36 and 38-52 remain pending in this application. Applicants request reconsideration of these claims for at least the reasons presented below.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection, Guheen

Claims 1, 3-14, 16, 18-25 27, 29-36 and 38-52 were previously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U. S. Patent No. 6,519,571 to Guheen et al. (hereinafter "Guheen"). The Applicants respectfully submit the following arguments pointing out significant differences between claims 1, 3-14, 16, 18-25 27, 29-36 and 38-52 under 35 submitted by the Applicant and Guheen.

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." MPEP 2131 citing *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). Applicant respectfully argues that Guheen fails to disclose each and every claimed element. For example, Guheen fails to disclose, either expressly or inherently, retrieving a workflow from a set of workflows for responding to a request for a certificate related action, e.g., enrollment, renewal, or revocation. Guheen also fails to disclose wherein the workflow corresponds to the certificate related action and a set of characteristics for a user.

Guheen is directed to "utilizing a user profile to customize an interface." (Col. 1, line 8-9) More specifically, Guheen describes "utilizing various types of user indicia such as search requests, products purchased, products looked at but not purchased, products purchased and returned, reasons for returning products, customers stated profile including income level,

education level, stated profession, etc. for the purpose of customizing a user interface." (Col. 2, lines 6-12) However, Guheen does not relate to or disclose retrieving a workflow from a set of workflows for responding to a request for a certificate related action, e.g., enrollment, renewal, or revocation. Guheen also fails to disclose wherein the workflow corresponds to the certificate related action and a set of characteristics for a user. In fact, Guheen does not seem to describe certificate management in any substantive manner. Rather, Guheen mentions certificates only in passing. For example, Guheen mentions at col. 73, lines 59-64 that a Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) can be used to manage keys and certificates. This portion of Guheen states in total:

"Public key infrastructure--provides public-key encryption and digital signature services. The purpose of a public-key infrastructure is to manage keys and certificates. A PKI enables the use of encryption, digital signatures, and authentication services across a wide variety of applications."

Guheen also mentions at col. 256, lines 40-43 that "the services component . . . manages client certificates used for user authentication." However, Guheen does not describe such management processes. That is, Guheen's description of certificate management does not disclose, expressly or inherently, retrieving a workflow from a set of workflows, wherein the workflow corresponds to a certificate related action, e.g., enrollment, renewal, or revocation, and a set of characteristics for a user.

Claim 1, upon which claims 2-15 depend, claim 16, upon which claims 17-26 depend, and claim 27, upon which claims 28-37 depend, each recite in part "receiving at an Identity System a request for a certificate related action for a user wherein the certificate related action is selected from a group consisting of a certificate enrollment action, a certificate renewal action, and a certificate revocation action; retrieving by the Identity System a workflow for responding to said request from a set of workflows, wherein said set of workflows includes a plurality of workflows for responding to said certificate related action, wherein each workflow in said plurality of workflows corresponds to a different set of characteristics for a user, wherein said workflow for responding to said request corresponds to said certificate related action and a

set of characteristics for said user from an identity profile maintained by the Identity System, the set of characteristics including a user type, and wherein retrieving the workflow further comprises selecting the workflow from the plurality of workflows based on the requested certificate related action and the user type." Guheen does not disclose retrieving a workflow from a set of workflows for responding to a request for a certificate related action, e.g., enrollment, renewal, or revocation. Guheen also fails to disclose wherein the workflow corresponds to the certificate related action and a set of characteristics for a user. Rather, Guheen does not seem to describe certificate management other than to say that certificates can be managed. For at least these reasons, claims 1, 3-14, 16, 18-25, 27, and 29-36 are distinguishable from Guheen and should be allowed.

Claim 38, upon which claims 39-42 depend, claim 43, upon which claims 44-47 depend, and claim 48, upon which claims 49-52 depend, each recite in part "receiving a request for a certificate related action for a user; and retrieving a workflow for responding to said request from a set of workflows, wherein said workflow corresponds to said certificate related action and a set of characteristics for said user, wherein said set of workflows includes a plurality of workflows for responding to said certificate related action, wherein each workflow in said plurality of workflows corresponds to a different set of characteristics for a user, and wherein retrieving the workflow for responding to said request further comprises selecting the workflow from the plurality of workflows based on the requested certificate related action and a user type of the user." Guheen does not disclose retrieving a workflow from a set of workflows for responding to a request for a certificate related action. Guheen also fails to disclose wherein the workflow corresponds to the certificate related action and a set of characteristics for a user. Rather, Guheen does not seem to describe certificate management other than to say that certificates can be managed. For at least these reasons, claims 38-52 are distinguishable from Patel and should be allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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